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Notice To Applicant

In a Board of patent Appeals and Interferences (hereinafter, BPAI) Decision, rendered on November 30, 2006, the BPAI stated at page 25:

In summary, we have sustained the examiner's rejection of claims 1, 2, 4, 7-12, 14, 17-19, 21, and 24. We have not, however, sustained the examiner's rejection with respect to claims 6, 20, and 27. Lastly, we hold that the disclosure of Tokuyama does not fully meet the invention set forth in claims 1, 20, 21, and 27. Therefore, the decision of the examiner rejecting claims 1, 2, 4, 6-12, 14, 17-21, 24, and 27 is affirmed-in-part.

The Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences affirmed the rejections against independent claims 1 and 11, but reversed all rejections against claim 6 dependent upon claim 1.

Claims 20, 27 and 28 stand allowed.

Claims 3, 13, 22 and 25 were previously objected to prior to the BPAI's decision.

Applicant is given a ONE MONTH TIME PERIOD from the mailing date of this letter in which to present the dependent claims 3, 6, 13, 22 and 25 in independent form. NO EXTENSIONS OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) WILL BE GRANTED. Failure to comply will result in cancellation of the dependent claims and the application will be allowed with claims 20, 27 and 28. Prosecution is otherwise closed.

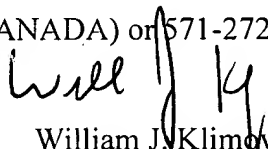
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William J. Klimowicz whose telephone number is (571) 272-7577. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday (6:30AM-5:00PM).

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hoa Thi Nguyen can be reached on (571) 272-7579. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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